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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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<u>Customer Assistance</u>

IN THE MATTER OF DENNIS YOUNG, PETITIONER v. TRENTON WATER WORKS, RESPONDENT

ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION

BPU Docket No. WC04111432U OAL Docket No. PUC 2248-05

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

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BY THE BOARD

On November 15, 2004, Dennis Young (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (Board) for a hearing in regard to a billing dispute with Trenton Water Works (TWW) (Respondent). On February 3, 2005, Respondent filed an answer.

On February 22, 2005, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for determination and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Douglas H. Hurd.

During the pendency of this matter at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and reached a settlement. The settlement was submitted to the ALJ for review. On June 15, 2006, ALJ Hurd filed an Initial Decision with the Board, memorializing the terms of the settlement and recommending that it be approved. The ALJ found the settlement to be voluntary, consistent with the law and fully dispositive of all issues in controversy. The ALJ therefore concluded that the settlement met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

Under the terms of the settlement, Respondent will forgive \$500.00 of Petitioner's outstanding balance.

The Board FINDS that the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable. Therefore, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement in their entirety, incorporating the terms thereof into this final decision as if fully set forth at length herein.

DATED: 7/21/06

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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ANNE M. FOX **PRESIDENT**

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ATTEST:

SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 2248-05

AGENCY DKT. NO. WC04111432U

DENNIS E. YOUNG,

Petitioner,

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TRENTON WATER WORKS

Respondent.

James R. Murphy, Esq., for petitioner Peter J. Cohen, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: June 7, 2006

Decided: June 7, 2006

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BEFORE, DOUGLAS H. HURD, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on March 30, 2005, for determination as a contested case, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to -15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 to -13.

The parties have agreed to a settlement and have prepared a Settlement indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein

I have reviewed the record and the terms of settlement and FIND:

- The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures.
- The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

I CONCLUDE that this agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and that the settlement should be approved. I approve the settlement and therefore ORDER that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that these proceedings be concluded.

hereby FILE my initial decision with the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES for consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five (45) days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

Within thirteen (13) days from the date on which this recommended decision was mailed to the parties, any party may file written exceptions with the SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, 2 Gateway Center, Newark, NJ 07102.

10-7-06 DATE	DOUGLAS H. HURD, ALJ Receipt Acknowledged		
6-15-06 DATE	BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Mailed to Parties		
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Date: 6/14/2006

Initial Decisions for Receipt

Receipt of the following decisions from the Office of Administrative Law (as well as a copy of this form) is acknowledged as of the date indicated below:

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